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— A BIG SONG HIT —

DON'T BLAME THE

GERMANS



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Andante

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Don't blame the Ger-mans for it is - n't right, Re-mem-ber they are one to five in
French and the Bel-gians, mis-led by Eng-land's greed, Must ver-y soon sur-ren-der for they

this gi-gan-tic fight, With the Al-lies all a-gainst them yet they hold their own, It's
know they can't suc-ceed, And It-a-ly at-tempts to save them from dis-grace, For

hard to beat the Ger-mans on the land or on the foam. —
neu-tral she should still re-main and keep her prop-er place. —

Eng - land has - its fam - ous fleet, up - on the might - y seas, The
 Brit - ish will not con - quer while the Ger - man shot and mine Pro -

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Ger - mans with their sub - ma - rines, tor - pe - do them with ease, And
 tect and guard the land and sea, and sac - red riv - er Rhine, The

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Rus - sia with her mil - lions up - on the bat - tle - field, — Can't
 Kai - ser is de - ter - mined, and has been from the start, — To

ov - er - come the Ger - mans and will soon be forced to yield.
 win this bit - ter strug - gle for each loy - al Ger - man heart.

CHORUS

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Hoch!Hoch! the kai - ser he's the man we see, — Try - ing day and night to

The first system of the chorus features a vocal melody in G major (one flat) and common time. The lyrics are "Hoch!Hoch! the kai - ser he's the man we see, — Try - ing day and night to". The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

save old Ger - man - y, My Fath - er - land, my Fath - er - land the

ff marcato

The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "save old Ger - man - y, My Fath - er - land, my Fath - er - land the". The piano accompaniment features a more active right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line. The dynamic marking *ff marcato* is present.

place so dear to me, — Our sold - iers brave will

The third system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "place so dear to me, — Our sold - iers brave will". The piano accompaniment features a more active right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

try to save our home a - cross the sea. —

The fourth system concludes the vocal melody with the lyrics "try to save our home a - cross the sea. —". The piano accompaniment features a more active right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

Don't Blame the Germans

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Don't blame the Germans for it isn't right.
Remember they are one to five in this gigantic fight.
With the Allies all against them, yet they hold their own.
It's hard to beat the Germans on the land or on the foam.
England has its famous fleet, upon the mighty seas;
The Germans, with their submarines, torpedo them with ease,
And Russia with her millions upon the battlefield
Can't overcome the Germans and will soon be forced to yield.

Hoch! Hoch the Kaiser, he's the man we see
Trying day and night to save old Germany!
My fatherland, my fatherland, the place so dear to me,
Our soldiers brave will try to save our home across the sea.

French and the Belgians, misled by England's greed,
Must very soon surrender, for they know they can't succeed.
And Italy attempts to save them from disgrace,
For neutral she should still remain and keep her proper place.
British will not conquer while the German shot and mine
Protect and guard the land and sea, and sacred river Rhine.
The Kaiser is determined, and has been from the start,
To win this bitter struggle for each loyal German heart.

Hoch! Hoch the Kaiser...

*Little is known about songwriter John J. Donahue. He wrote at least one other "national war song" of WWI, "Just For the Sake of Gold," which was also published by his own firm, Donahue Music, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, in 1915. It was apparently a song condemning the profiteers of the munitions industry and warning against American military involvement. In 1918, he changed his tune with the patriotic song "The Call of the U.S.A." calling on all Americans to join in the war effort regardless of their ethnic backgrounds.